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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 788

Introduced by Assembly Member Montanez

February 18, 2005

An act to add ~~Section 1597.625 to the Health and Safety Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 33355) to Chapter 3 of Part 20 of the Education Code~~, relating to child day care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 788, as amended, Montanez. Licensed family day care providers: *State Department of Education: Family Child Care Career Ladder pilot project.*

Existing law, the California Child Day Care Act, regulates the licensure and operation of child day care providers, including providers licensed as family day care homes.

This bill would require the ~~department~~ *State Department of Education* to establish and administer a ~~2-year~~ 3-year pilot project, *to be known as the Family Child Care Career Ladder, in 2 counties, with the counties' consent, at a minimum, 3 community college districts that agree to participate. The purpose of the project would be to provide continuing education and training for child day care providers licensed as family day care homes. The bill would require the department to establish curriculum guidelines for the pilot project, and to encourage authorize the participating community colleges in the participating counties to provide appropriate classes and related services for the day care providers participating students. The bill would require the department to encourage express legislative intent that the children and families commissions in the participating appropriate counties to , in cooperation with the department and the*

participating community college district, participate in the establishment and implementation of the pilot project.

This bill would ~~provide that the costs associated with the pilot project would be funded using existing department resources. If those funds are unavailable, the bill would require the commencement of the pilot project to be delayed until the department has secured a funding source~~ require the department to evaluate the pilot project and report to the Legislature within 6 months of the completion of the pilot project, and to make this report available to the public on the department Internet Web site. The bill would not become operative unless and until the Superintendent of Public Instruction certifies to the Secretary of State that funding sufficient to conduct this pilot program has become available.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 1597.625 is added to the Health and~~
2 ~~Safety Code, to read:~~
3 ~~1597.625. (a) The department shall establish and administer~~
4 ~~a two-year pilot project~~
5 ~~SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the~~
6 ~~following:~~
7 ~~(1) As California develops local and statewide efforts to make~~
8 ~~high-quality early care and education available to more children,~~
9 ~~it is equally important to develop and maintain a well-trained,~~
10 ~~stable, and linguistically and culturally diverse early education~~
11 ~~work force.~~
12 ~~(2) The California Community Colleges provide the majority of~~
13 ~~formal, credit-bearing training to teachers and providers in the~~
14 ~~early care and education field.~~
15 ~~(3) A recent study by the Center for the Study of Child Care~~
16 ~~Employment found that, out of the eight counties surveyed, the~~
17 ~~number of family child care providers with associate degrees or~~
18 ~~higher ranged from 11 to 55 percent for Anglo providers and~~
19 ~~from 3 to 17 percent for Latino providers.~~
20 ~~(4) The availability and accessibility of necessary courses in~~
21 ~~community colleges poses special challenges to~~
22 ~~limited-English-proficient students.~~

1 ***(b) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to improve the***
2 *training opportunities for family child care providers,*
3 *particularly limited-English-proficient providers, to ensure that*
4 *the early care and education work force is highly-qualified and*
5 *diverse throughout the state.*

6 ***SEC. 2. Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 33355) is***
7 *added to Chapter 3 of Part 20 of the Education Code, to read:*

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9 ***Article 3.5. Pilot Program for Providing Continuing***
10 *Education and Training for Child Day Care Providers*
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12 ***33355. (a) The State Department of Education shall establish***
13 *and administer a three-year pilot project, known as the Family*
14 *Child Care Career Ladder, for the purpose of providing*
15 *continuing education and training for child day care providers*
16 *licensed as family day care homes, in accordance with this*
17 *section. The goal of the pilot project is to create greater*
18 *collaboration between—among community colleges, local child*
19 *care resource and referral agencies, and—family child care*
20 *associations,—family child care associations, and other*
21 *community-based organizations in order to meet the unique*
22 *continuing education and training needs of family day care home*
23 *providers.*

24 ~~*(b) The pilot project shall be conducted in two counties that*~~
25 ~~*agree to participate. One participating county shall be in the*~~
26 ~~*northern part of the state and one shall be in the southern part of*~~
27 ~~*the—state: care home providers, particularly*~~
28 ~~*limited-English-proficient providers.*~~

29 ***(b) The pilot project shall be conducted in, at a minimum, three***
30 *community college districts that agree to participate. One*
31 *participating district shall be located in Los Angeles County, and*
32 *at least one other participating district shall be in a district that*
33 *serves a rural area.*

34 ~~*(c) The department shall establish curriculum guidelines for*~~
35 ~~*the pilot project, and shall encourage community colleges in*~~
36 ~~*participating counties to do all—State Department of Education*~~
37 ~~*shall establish a pilot project that shall be known as the Family*~~
38 ~~*Child Care Career Ladder. A participating community college*~~
39 ~~*district may do any of the following:*~~

1 (1) Offer classes targeted to family day care providers,
2 including classes offered for credit that are applicable to a
3 program or course of study that leads to a degree ~~or certificate,~~
4 *certificate, or permit.*

5 (2) Offer evening and weekend classes.

6 (3) Offer classes at alternative or extension locations:

7 ~~(4) Offer classes in languages that are prevalent in the local~~
8 ~~community.~~

9 ~~(d) The department shall encourage the county children and~~
10 ~~families commission in each participating county to participate in~~
11 ~~the establishment and implementation of the pilot project.~~

12 ~~(e) Costs associated with the pilot project shall be funded~~
13 ~~using existing department resources designated for child care~~
14 ~~quality improvement. If these funds are not available, the pilot~~
15 ~~project shall not commence until the department is able to~~
16 ~~identify a funding source., which may include distance learning~~
17 ~~formats.~~

18 *(4) Offer programs that assist limited-English-proficient*
19 *students to access both early childhood education/child*
20 *development courses and general education courses.*

21 *(5) Coordinate with other quality improvement programs that*
22 *provide needed services to early care and education students. It*
23 *is the intent of the Legislature that these programs provide*
24 *outreach to underrepresented groups, including*
25 *limited-English-proficient students.*

26 *(6) Provide students assistance with any of the following:*

27 *(A) Tuition or fees.*

28 *(B) Books.*

29 *(C) Transcript evaluation, including evaluation of transcripts*
30 *from other countries.*

31 *(D) Academic counseling and career advising services.*

32 *(E) Child care.*

33 *(F) Transportation.*

34 *(d) It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriate county*
35 *children and families commission, in cooperation with the State*
36 *Department of Education and the participating community*
37 *college district, shall participate in the establishment and*
38 *implementation of the pilot project.*

39 *(e) The State Department of Education shall evaluate the pilot*
40 *project, and report to the Legislature within six months after the*

1 *completion of the pilot project. This report shall be made*
2 *available to the public on the Web site of the State Board of*
3 *Education.*

4 *(f) This article shall not become operative unless and until the*
5 *Superintendent of Public Instruction certifies to the Secretary of*
6 *State that funding sufficient to conduct this pilot program has*
7 *become available.*

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